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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The above-identified application (i.e., U.S. Application Serial No. 10/509,137) is a U.S. national counterpart application of International Application Serial No. PCT/US02/41210, filed December 20, 2002 which claimed priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/371,618, filed April 10, 2002. Assignment of the full and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Application Serial No. 60/371,618 by the inventors to Hill-Rom Services, Inc. was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 10, 2003 at reel 013651, beginning at frame 0112.

Assignment of the full and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/994,537, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,752,794, by the inventors to

Hill-Rom Services, Inc. was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 15, 2002 at reel 012628, beginning at frame 0894.

Therefore, by virtue of these assignments, Hill-Rom Services, Inc. certifies that it is the assignee of the full and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to both U.S. Patent No. 6,752,794 and the above-identified application.

The undersigned attorney is an attorney of record for Hill-Rom Services, Inc. in the above-identified application, and she has reviewed the documents evidencing title as represented above and certifies to the best of her knowledge and belief that title is as represented.

Hill-Rom Services, Inc. hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application that would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term, as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 154 to 156, as is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of U.S. Patent No. 6,752,794.

Hill-Rom Services, Inc. hereby acknowledges that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that legal title to said patent shall be the same as legal title to U.S. Patent No. 6,752,794.

The assignee does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the present application that would extend past the expiration date of the prior patent, in the event that the prior patent expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole, has all claims cancelled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Applicants' undersigned counsel's deposit account 10-0435 the \$140.00 fee for this terminal disclaimer, with reference to our matter 7175-71858. Applicants believe that no additional fees are required. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge those fees to Applicants' undersigned counsel's deposit account 10-0435, with reference to our matter 7175-71858.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carli E. Stewart", written in black ink over a horizontal line.

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